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Filed: November 1, 1999

Docket No.: 104639

For: VULCANIZING MOLD FOR PNEUMATIC TIRES

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired September 24, 2003, an extension of time for a period of 3 months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 149366 in the amount of \$950.00 in payment for:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

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